

Saint Cecilia

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 August 2024

The Israelites Collecting Manna from Heaven,
Rudolf von Ems (Austrian, 1200 - 1254), The J. Paul Getty Museum, L.A.

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PRELUDE | Prélude au Kyrie after Frescobaldi
Brett Maguire, *organist*

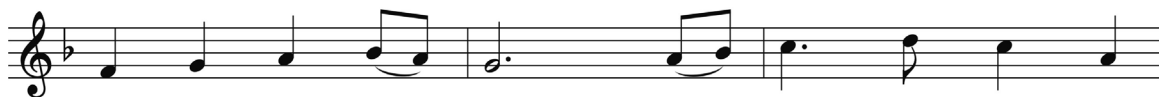
Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | All are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
vealed in time and space; As we
im - age of God's face; Let us
faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us:
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come



in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

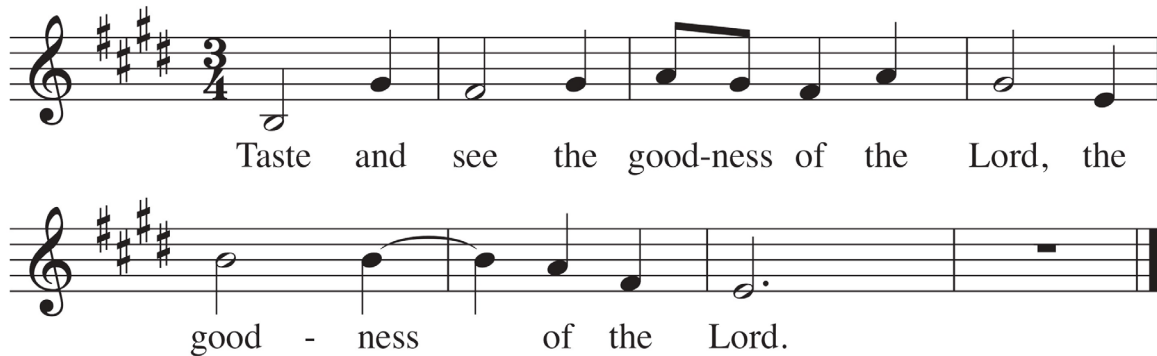
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | 1 Kings 19: 4-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 34: Taste and See

Marty Haugen



1. I will bless the Lord at all times; praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look toward him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress.

SECOND READING | Ephesians 4: 30-5: 2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso



GOSPEL | John 6: 41-51

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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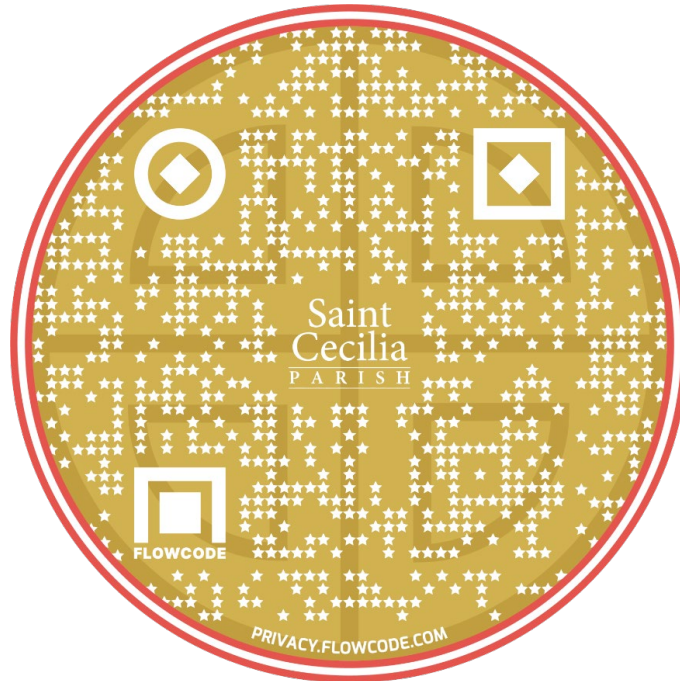
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone's screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | All Who Hunger

Bob Moore



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered In com - mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✕ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✕ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✕ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

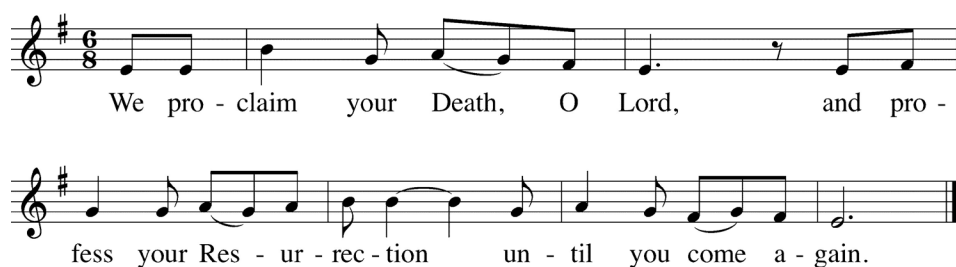
All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco

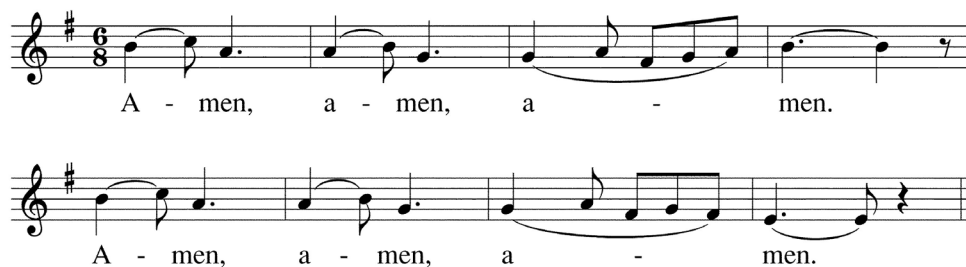


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



GREAT AMEN | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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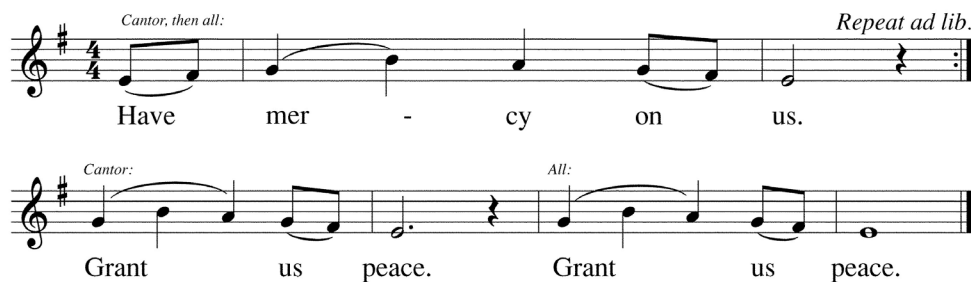


THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

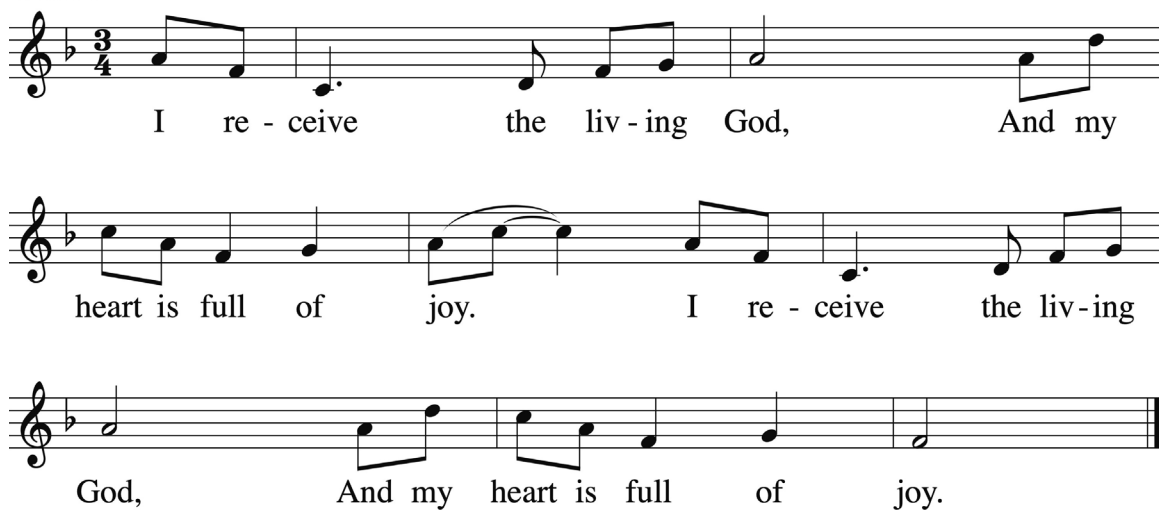
It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.

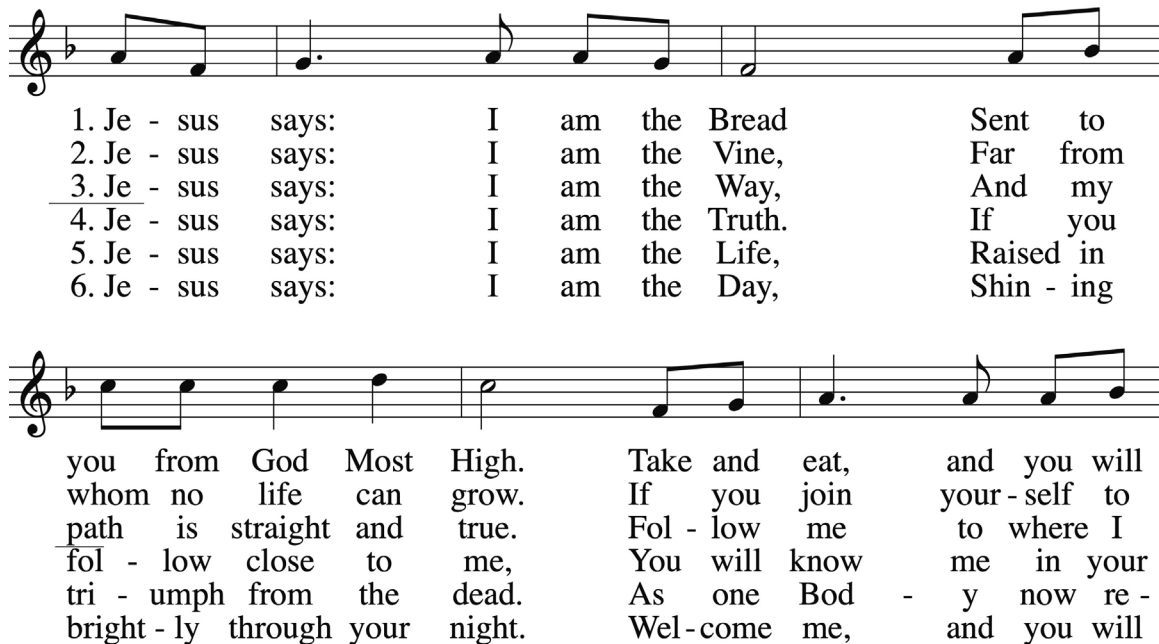
COMMUNION | I Receive the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my
heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing
God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Bread	Sent	to
2. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Vine,	Far	from
3. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Way,	And	my
4. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Truth.	If	you
5. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Life,	Raised	in
6. Je - sus	says:	I	am	the	Day,	Shin - ing	

you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will
whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -
bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will

D.C.

live;	You	need	nev - er	fear	to	die.
me,	A	rich	har - vest	you	will	know.
lead;	There	my	Fa - ther	waits	for	you.
heart,	And	my	word	will	make	you
main,	Mem - bers	joined	to	me,	the	Head.
walk	By	the	Spir - it's	guid - ing		light.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love
Which can bind you close to me.
Those who know this gift I bring
Will find true community.
8. Jesus says: I am the Peace
Which the world cannot bestow.
Learn to love and live in me,
And in you my Reign will grow.
9. Jesus says: I am the Lamb,
And my death set sinners free.
Those who drink the cup I drink
Must take up this work with me.

CONCLUDING RITES

- ✠ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
- ✠ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
- ✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.

1. Moved by the Gos - pel, let us move With
 2. Let weav - ers form from bro - ken strands A
 3. O Spir - it, breathe a - mong us here; In -

ev - 'ry gift and art. The im - age of cre -
 tap - es - try of prayer. Let art - ists paint with
 spire the work we do. May hands and voic - es,

a - tive love In - dwells each hu - man heart. The
 skill - ful hands Their joy, la - ment, and care. Then
 eye and ear At - test to life made new. In

Mak - er calls cre - a - tion good, So
 mime the sto - ry: Christ has come. With
 wor - ship and in dai - ly strife Cre -

let us now ex - press With sound and col - or,
 rev - 'rence dance the word. With flute and or - gan,
 ate a - mong us still. Great Art - ist, form our

stone and wood, The shape of ho - li - ness.
 ching and drum God's praise be ev - er heard.
 com - mon life Ac - cord - ing to your will.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children's faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus' teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids ("Irish working out girls") and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci's The Last Supper, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius' life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We've been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God's love makes all things new.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, August 10 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

Sunday, August 11 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Bobbi Moran, lector

Sunday, August 11 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Karen McMenemy,
and Thomas Skorupa, lectors

Sunday, August 11 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Laura Melle, Virgen Palermo, and Linda Frayling, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 11 | 8:00 a.m.

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*

Sunday, August 11 | 9:30 a.m.

Mike Scanlon, *2nd Anniversary*
Peter Delorey, *Memorial*
Diane Marie Miller, *Memorial*
Esther Sacks, *Memorial*
Minnie O'Halla, *Memorial*

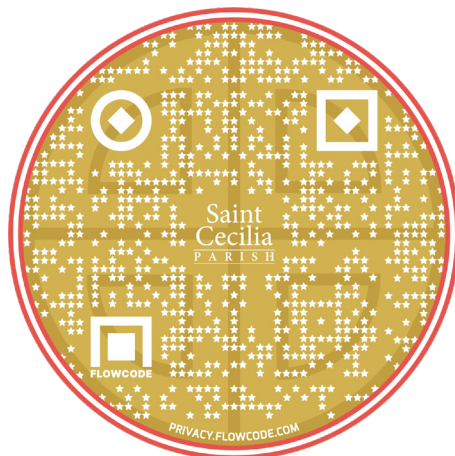
Sunday, August 11 | 11:30 a.m.

Diane Wirtz, *10th Anniversary*

Thursday, August 15 | 8:00 a.m.

Daniel Winterson, *Memorial*

**PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!**

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Fr. John Grimes, Fr. Peter Gyves, SJ, David Kennedy, Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Doreen Zankowski** and **Billie Jean Potter** of Boxford and **Grace Gardiner** of Brookline. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/>

Don't Wait: Registration for Children's Faith Formation 2024-2025 Is Now Open!

We are delighted to share that registration for our Children's Faith Formation classes for the coming year is now open. Please note that space is limited for a number of classes, and so please register as soon as possible to ensure your child(ren)'s/teen's place in the class. To register, visit <https://stceciliaboston.org/cff-reg>. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22. Please note that the fee to register is \$200.

Archbishop-elect Richard Henning

On August 5, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Richard G. Henning to succeed Cardinal Seán as Archbishop of Boston. Archbishop-elect Henning comes to us from the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island where he has served as bishop since May 1, 2023. He will be the seventh Archbishop of Boston. Archbishop-elect Henning will be installed at a Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Thursday, October 31.

Cardinal Seán turned 80 at the end of June and is stepping down following more than two decades of dedicated and humble service as shepherd to the clergy, religious, and faithful of the archdiocese. Pope Francis has asked Cardinal Seán to continue serving as president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, a role he has held since 2014. With deep gratitude we thank Cardinal Seán for his pastoral leadership as Archbishop of Boston, as well as for his commitment to addressing the clergy sexual abuse crisis in Boston and internationally.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thursday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a holy day of obligation. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. This dogma states

that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. We hope you'll join us in person for Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. Please note that this Mass will not be livestreamed.



Nancy Nee Hanifin, Fr. John, and John Hanifin
after 111 miles in 94-degree heat at the
end of the PanMass Challenge!

Help Care For Those in Need

Occasionally we give gift cards to our sisters and brothers in need. We need to replenish our supply of gift cards to Shaw's Supermarket, Star Market, and MarketBasket. If you would like to help out in this way, simply purchase a gift card and place it in the collection basket at Mass, give it to a member of the staff, or mail it to the Parish Office. We are very appreciative of your help as we attempt to offer some assistance to our neighbors in need.



*The flowers in front of the altar are a gift of
Emily Winterson for the greater glory of God
and in loving memory of her son,
Daniel Winterson.*

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

*Join Father John and the Saint Cecilia Choirs
Under the Direction of Robert Duff on a*

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy

June 15-23, 2025



We will participate in Mass at:

- The Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi
- St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

The Saint Cecilia Choir will perform two evening concerts:

- The Basilica di Sant'Andrea della Valle in Rome
- The Basilica di Santa Cecilia in Trastevere

Want to learn more/register?

Visit www.stceciliaboston.org/italy to learn more and to register! On this webpage, you'll find registration information, the trip itinerary, and a recording of a virtual information session with the hosting company, Music Celebrations International.

**We will visit Rome, Florence,
Assisi, and Vatican City.**

Highlights include:

- A visit to La Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze, home to the largest number of Michelangelo sculptures in the world, including *David*
- A walking tour of the medieval town of Assisi, birthplace of Sts. Francis and Clare, including a visit to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi—one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Italy
- A tour of the Vatican Museums which house some of the world's most important collections of art (included will be a visit to the Sistine Chapel)
- A visit to St. Peter's Basilica, including the *Pietà*
- A tour of the Colosseum and its arena floor, the Roman Forum.
- A tentative weekly Papal Audience and Blessing (subject to the Holy Father's schedule)
- Visits to the Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain
- Visits to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES



With summer here, many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for the Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett pantries will be away until September. We hope that you will consider participating in this important ministry during the summer months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong.

The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous economic challenges—especially in light of rising food prices. Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the food pantries: Cheerios or cornflakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex. You may wish to follow the example of some of our parishioners and have some of the items above delivered to the parish via Amazon or a similar service. If you choose to, please have them delivered to *Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115*. Thank you!

RETURNING CITIZENS MINISTRY: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Previously known as our Prison and After Ministry, the Saint Cecilia Returning Citizens group meets every other Monday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to provide a safe, welcoming space for men transitioning back into society following prison or jail. Each meeting consists of an opportunity to discuss challenges (and wins!) and gain support, followed by a shared meal. In particular, we welcome individuals from Coolidge House (the federal release center on Huntington Avenue) and Brooke House (the state release center in the Fenway). We are looking for more men to join us, so, if you know anyone who could benefit from this group, please personally invite them to join. You can refer any questions to the ministry's email address. Please remember that your quick referral could make a significant difference in someone's life!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE FOR THE MARY ANN BRETT PANTRY

While the beginning of the school year is an exciting time for kids and parents, it can also be stressful. For the families helped by the Mary Ann Brett Pantry in Dorchester, the beginning of the year can be especially intense. In hopes of alleviating stress and making the start of the school year sunnier for these families, Saint Cecilia is once again collecting backpacks and school supplies for the kids.

The Brett Pantry has asked that we provide backpacks for the following school grades:

- Grades K-4
- Grades 5-8
- Grades 9-12



In addition, the following items will be used to fill the backpacks: spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, folders, dry-erase markers, and loose leaf filler paper. There will be bins in the narthex if you want to provide any of the items above. To make it easier to participate in the Back-To-School Drive, you can also access the pantry's wish list here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11Q1I35W4EGYE?ref_=wl_share or using this QR code. Thank you so much for your dedication to improving the kids' lives in Greater Boston!

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JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL FAR-FLUNG FLUNG PARISH RETREAT

Friday, September 13—Sunday, September 15 | Parish Hall

Whether we live in the Boston area or around the world, members of the Saint Cecilia community are committed to responding to our shared responsibility to live out our Christian calling. Last year's Far-Flung Flock weekend retreat was so well received that we're doing it again! This year, however, in addition to being open to members of the FFF, the retreat will be open to local parishioners. This year's retreat theme is, "Praying, Listening, & Sharing; Ways to Live Out Our Faith Together." Come spend a weekend in fellowship and prayer as we listen to guest speakers encouraging us to respond to the needs of others around our world. To participate in this year's retreat, please register online here: <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/fff-retreat/>. Please note: we have limited space and there is a \$50 registration fee. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact the ministry's email address.

JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online gatherings each week on Zoom. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to share ways faith informs and enriches the second half of life. They're not a book club, but their conversations are often informed by shared spiritual reading. Their next book is "When the Trees Say Nothing," a collection of Thomas Merton's nature writings edited by Kathleen Deignan. To request information about meetings or to be added to the Wisdom mailing list, please email the ministry at their parish address.



JOIN OUR BIWEEKLY SIMEON & ANNA SENIORS GATHERING

Thursday, August 22, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Every Other Week Following

*Join us for coffee, sweets, and conversation,
followed by prayer and song!*

* The first 30 minutes are open for folks to arrive,
be welcomed into the space, and for hospitality.

Where? Saint Cecilia Parish (enter through the
doors on St. Cecilia St. and ring the bell to be let in).

Questions? Email Lucy Conroy (seniors@stceciliaboston.org)

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 18

Sunday, August 11

Wisdom Group, 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Zoom
SCYA Contemplative Prayer Group, 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Community Room

Monday, August 12

Returning Citizens, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
SCYA Women's Group, 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Zoom

Wednesday, August 14

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Zoom
Mass, 8:00 a.m.
SCYA Paulist Center Supper Club, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Rainbow Ministry: LGBTQ—A Space to Share, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Community Room

Thursday, August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Wisdom Group Meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, August 16

Mass, 8:00 a.m.
SCYA Free Friday Flicks, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Hatch Shell on the Esplanade | "Barbie"

Saturday, August 17

SCYA Kitchen Volunteering at Women's Lunch Place, 11:00-2:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 18

Wisdom Group, 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Zoom

A WAY TO HELP THE CHILDREN AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES INN

Our friends at Catholic Charities provide temporary, supportive housing for families working to get back on their feet and under their own roof. Each program is staffed 24/7 with qualified and trained workers to help provide safety and consistency to families and/or individuals.

Under the direction of Vice President of Basic Needs, Beth Chambers, case managers assess the needs of the guests and together they determine the best path to rebuild, strengthen their families, and move toward self-sufficiency. Catholic Charities Inn and Safety-Net Shelters opened in Brighton in 2023 in response to the growing humanitarian crisis facing families experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts. Residents are referred directly through the state's emergency shelter system.

Many children are living in this shelter and here's a link to an Amazon.com Wish List so that they can be prepared for the start of the school year: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1VTUAD9CVSQQV?ref=gr_search_page_result Thank you for your generosity!





Pope Francis' choice of current Providence Bishop Richard Henning to become the next archbishop of Boston came as a surprise to just about everyone — including Archbishop-elect Henning himself.

"I was deeply shocked and surprised by this call," the archbishop-elect said during an introductory press conference Monday morning. "But I know the goodness of God suffices in all things. I will trust in him." He described his "first job" in his new post as "just to be a listener and begin to understand."

"Maybe some of you were as surprised by this appointment as I was, but maybe the first thing is simply to say that I am a sinner in need of grace and that I place my faith, my trust, my hope in the Lord Jesus, who was Bread for the world and the King of love," Bishop Henning said.

Bishop Henning was not on anybody's short list to replace Cardinal Seán O'Malley, 80, who has been archbishop of Boston since 2003 and is retiring five years past the mandatory age for a bishop to submit his resignation to the pope.

"The arrival of a new archbishop is always a time of renewal and hope. To the people of the archdiocese, [Arch]bishop-elect Henning brings the heart of a pastor in his new role," Cardinal O'Malley said during the press conference Monday. He added that Bishop Henning's "fluency in Spanish will allow him to engage directly with our large Hispanic population."

Bishop Henning, 59, has been in charge of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, only one year and three months, after having spent his first several months there as coadjutor.

His installation in Boston is scheduled for Oct. 31, which

is shortly after the Synod on Synodality concludes in Rome.

The announcement caps what in Church terms is a quick trip from diocesan priest to head of one of the most prominent dioceses in the country. He has been a bishop for only six years. He became an auxiliary bishop in his native Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, in July 2018, at age 53.

Pope Francis named him coadjutor bishop of Providence in November 2022, allowing for what Bishop Henning called an "apprenticeship" under Bishop Thomas Tobin, who retired at age 75 in May 2023.

Now, Archbishop-elect Henning is on the verge of leading 1.8 million Catholics in the fourth-largest diocese in the United States and one of the original four dioceses carved out of the original nationwide Diocese of Baltimore in 1808.

As a metropolitan, Archbishop-elect Henning will lead the Ecclesiastical Province of Boston, which includes not just the Archdiocese of Boston but also the other three dioceses in Massachusetts and the three dioceses in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Every archbishop of Boston since 1911 has been named a cardinal, including the five most recent archbishops, though it's not clear whether Pope Francis will follow suit.

Parish Priest at Heart

Bishop Henning grew up on Long Island and speaks with a moderate Islander accent. He is a Scripture scholar with advanced degrees in biblical theology who taught in the Diocese of Rockville Centre's seminary and became rector and later vicar for clergy of the diocese.

His episcopal motto is "Put out into the deep," Jesus' advice to his disciples in Luke 5:4 that pertains to both fishing and evangelizing.

During his episcopal ordination Mass in 2018, Bishop Henning described his love of paddleboarding, and he spoke of his admiration for surfers, drawing connections between their courage, hard work, discipline, and powers of observation and the skills needed to develop a spiritual life.

"May we all, as Christian disciples, stand up and ride the waves of divine grace to the very shores of the Kingdom," he said.

Bishop Robert Brennan, the bishop of Brooklyn, who was an undergraduate at St. John's University in Queens at the same time as Archbishop-elect Henning, met him through the school's honors program, where Henning was a history

major two years behind Brennan.

Bishop Brennan described student Henning as “very, very smart.”

“He was a creative, fun-loving guy who had many different interests. I always thought of him as a Renaissance man. He always seemed to know a lot about many different things, but was never showy,” Bishop Brennan told the Register.

They remained friends as seminarians and as priests of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Each attended the other’s ordinations as a priest and as a bishop.

Bishop Brennan said parish life is at the center of Archbishop-elect Henning’s ministry.

“He has a good way of explaining things. He’s a good homilist. But I think at the heart of it all, he’s a parish priest,” Bishop Brennan said.

“Even when he was doing other work—studying, teaching—he was always connected to a parish, because it was so important to him,” Bishop Brennan said. “I know in his heart he’s a parish priest, and I don’t think he’ll ever lose that, even as the archbishop of Boston.”

Approach to the Abortion Issue

A reporter asked the archbishop-elect during the press conference Monday about the presidential election this fall and whether he’ll be outspoken on issues such as abortion and same-sex civil marriage.

Archbishop-elect Henning said he votes in elections but doesn’t belong to a political party, doesn’t say publicly how he votes, and doesn’t intend to tell other people how they should vote.

“I will admit, I don’t know that I’ve ever been an activist. I’m not that exciting. And you know, my stance in Providence has been that I’m a pastor, not a politician,” he said.

Yet he added that the Church has a place in the public arena.

“The Church does advocate for policy matters related to Church teaching, and that’s a host of things. Not all of them always end up in public view, but there’s a whole host of things that the Church might comment on,” the archbishop-elect said. “So I think what I want to do is to help the Catholics, the faithful of this archdiocese, form their consciences.”

Massachusetts is a solidly pro-abortion state. Every prominent political figure in the state supports legal and publicly funded abortion with few restrictions, and polls suggest a large majority of voters do, too.

The archbishop-elect said he’d like to engage in dialogue on the issue.

“I am pro-life because I believe that the Gospel teaches us the sacred dignity of every human life. But I know there are people of goodwill who passionately disagree with that. And I think as the Holy Father keeps reminding us, we have to kind of take the risk of dialogue,” Archbishop-elect Henning said. “We have to try to listen and hear each other.”

During a local television interview in Providence earlier this year, Bishop Henning was asked about how he would deal with Catholic politicians who support legal abortion, which the Church considers homicide and a grave sin.

“Generally, if there’s someone who is in some way living in a public way that is contrary to Catholic teaching or would be considered sinful by Church teaching, that’s not something I would state in public. You don’t humiliate or embarrass the person or make the sacrament itself a source of division. You address an individual with regard to their spiritual life,” he said.

He said such situations are a matter for what he called “personal exhortation ... between a pastor and the faithful.”

“But it is a scandal when Catholics do not uphold the sanctity of human life. That is a scandal. And that pains me. I grieve for that,” Bishop Henning said.

The WJAR Channel 10 interviewer pressed him for details, pointing out that the bishop’s predecessor, Bishop Tobin, privately barred then-congressman Patrick Kennedy from receiving Communion in 2007 over his pro-abortion position, then confirmed it publicly in 2009, when Kennedy told *The Providence Journal* about it.

“What I’m saying is that if I have a conversation with any of our political leadership, it would be a private pastoral matter. I wouldn’t comment on it or announce I was even going to have the meeting,” Bishop Henning said.

“And there are probably Catholics who would like me to do that, but again, these are matters of conscience and I don’t know the person. I don’t know their thinking, their mind,” he added. “I would certainly urge them to reconsider whether they could find it in their hearts to have some

sense of compassion or mercy for the most vulnerable among us. I think that's what I should be doing with all Catholics."

During the press conference Monday outside Boston, Archbishop-elect Henning noted that the Catholic Church has seen many changes since he was ordained a priest in 1992, including problems that didn't exist 30 years ago.

"But I'm also a student of history, and I know that the Church has faced so many very large crises over 2,000 years. It's not new to us to have upheavals and difficulties. But we come to them with that broader perspective that ultimately God is in charge, that we may be sinners, we may make mistakes, but that we trust that God is going to guide his Church out of the morass," Archbishop-elect Henning said.

"And I think that's the faith that gives me hope," he said. "So my job isn't necessarily to fix everything. It's more a matter of planting those seeds."

~ *Matthew McDonald is a staff reporter for The National Catholic Register and the editor of New Boston Post. He lives in Massachusetts.*



IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a fulfilling way to make a difference in the second half of life? IVC New England invites parishioners 50 years of age or better to explore a journey of spirituality and service. From September to June, participants will have the opportunity to share their unique gifts and talents with a local nonprofit partner assisting people in Greater Boston. For nearly 30 years, IVC has helped mature men and women find enriching service opportunities. As an IVC Service Corps member, participants will commit to serving just 1 or 2 days a week, while also enjoying monthly gatherings for prayerful reflection and fellowship. It is a wonderful way to connect with others and deepen one's faith, all while making a meaningful impact on the community. Contact the regional director today at new-england@ivcusa.org to learn more about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

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Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.

Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m, & 6:00 p.m.

Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.

* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

Hearing Assistance in Church

The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

For Those with Celiac Disease

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Building Accessibility

Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

Parking

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for \$13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and \$13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To get this discount, ask a greeter for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

Baptism for Infants

Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for Faith Formation, contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon, at cgannon@stceciliaboston.org.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (L_howland@hotmail.com), Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) or Kathy Sanders, MD (sanderno2010@gmail.com) if you have any questions. The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Order of Christian Funerals

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Joining Our Community

We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.